

National Association of PASRR Professionals

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SAMHSA Awards Conference Grant to NAPP

(NASHVILLE, TN) - The **National Association of PASRR Professionals (NAPP)** is pleased to announce it is the recipient of a \$34,983 Knowledge Dissemination Conference grant from the **Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)**. The grant is awarded to organizations to disseminate information about best practices within the mental health services, substance abuse prevention, and substance treatment fields at regionally and/or nationally significant conferences.

This grant will support the [Mapping Success: 50 States, 50 Solutions—Innovative PASRR and Long Term Care Reforms Conference](#) to share effective practices in mental health services for the elderly. Funding for this conference will promote the development of unified long-term care standards that will expand and improve the quality and extent of nursing home and alternative settings resources for the elderly with mental health issues. The conference is co-hosted by **National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors—Older Persons Division (NASMHPD—OPD)** and **DDM Ascend**.

The conference will be held Oct. 26-29, 2008 at the Tremont Plaza in Baltimore, MD.

Early bird registration for the conference, offering a savings of \$50, ends September 28th. The conference will draw state and federal agency officials, nursing facility administrators, nurses, social workers, certified counselors and will offer Continuing Education for nurses, social workers, and certified counselors. Those interested in further details about the topics, nationally recognized speakers, and registration and hotel fees should visit <http://www.pasrr.org/NAPPConference.aspx>.

[SAMHSA](#) is a public health agency within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The agency is responsible for improving the accountability, capacity and effectiveness of the nation's substance abuse prevention, addictions treatment and mental health services delivery systems.

[NAPP](#) is a non-profit association with the mission of working in partnership with federal and state agencies, private agencies, nursing facilities, social and human service groups, and other interested persons to serve as an educational organization to promote the expansion and improved quality of services for persons diagnosed with mental illness, and/or mental retardation and related conditions, who are applying for admission or continued residence in nursing facilities or alternative settings, for the purpose of improving or maximizing each individual's degree of achievable independence, functioning and satisfaction.

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